

Subject: Mrs. SMETANIUK of 161 Diamond St. New Haven Conn.

Date: 10 Nov. 1965

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1. Subject visited the USSR with the primary purpose of meeting her relatives who live in the VOLYN region of Ukraine. Subject herself is from VOLODMYR, Western Ukraine. Since Volyn is off limits to tourists, her relatives visited her in Lviv.
2. Subject did not stay with the tourist group very much, instead walked around herself in Kiev, Lviv, Ternopil and other cities. In all these places she was approached on the streets by many young people who recognized her as a foreigner, and was asked by them mainly about Ukrainian emigre life, of which they had often only heard rumors. Thus for example, the Shevchenko monument in Washington was believed to be one of those rumors. But Subject confirmed that it was a reality.
3. In Lviv there was a porter at the Intourist Hotel who had known Father BORZA, (one of the members of the tour) and was taught religion by him. (Father Borza came to the U.S. in 1936), This porter acted very strict, did not talk too much, and when he did it was always in Russian. One day he approached Father Borza and asked if he remembered him from the days that he taught him religion. He also warned him not to talk in the taxi he had just called for him, since there were microphones installed in it, and the driver spoke English. According to Subject, Borza did not recognize him.
4. In Kiev a young couple Mr. and Mrs. HORBACHEVSKY of Buffalo N.Y. (now at Market University, Michigan) purchased a number of books. The husband wanted to visit Kiev University, but was always hampered by the authorities, and in the end did not make his visit. His wife, who teaches German wanted to visit a German lecture, she also was thwarted in her attempts.
5. At the reception given in Kiev by the Society for Cultural Contacts with Ukrainians Abroad, Subject was urged to send her son, (who attends the 4th grade) to Ukraine

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for 2 months to a Pioneer Camp for vacation. She was told that all the costs would be covered for her son as soon as he enters the border of Ukraine. She was also told that all children of Ukrainian emigrants, aged 6-14 would be welcomed to a Pioneer Camp and at no expense.

6. Subject would like to return to visit Ukraine in a year or two, but only under the condition that Volyn will be accessible for tourists.

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